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In reply refer to

6 FEB 1952

General Walter Bedell Smith  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bedell:

Throughout this year's curriculum at the Air War College we have received current intelligence presentations pertaining to the general area of the study in which we were engaged. These presentations have assisted us in adding realism to such studies as the ones concerned with air defense, strategic air, and theater air force operations. In addition, we have received many lectures from State Department personnel concerning current political affairs.

Our twelfth study is entitled "Development of Future Concepts and Strategy for Requirements Planning." In it we intend to project our thoughts four to six years in the future, and as a basis we need sound appraisals of the probable trends of Soviet actions both in the political and technical fields. We are interested in their research and development programs and their expected production capacity; in fact, we are looking for any information we can get which is likely to affect the conduct of a future war.

In considering the problem and how best to approach its solution, we felt that you would be the ideal person to deliver a lecture to the Air War College students on the trends or indications of future Soviet actions and intent. We have tentatively scheduled the morning of 7 April 1952 for this presentation. If you can accept this invitation, I will send an officer from the Air War College faculty to brief you further on the purpose and coverage of the study and to arrange the details of your visit.

It would be a pleasure to have you visit the Air University and participate in our educational program.

Sincerely,

I. H. EDWARDS  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
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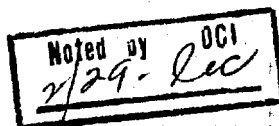
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MEMORANDUM TO: GENERAL SMITH

General Edwards invited you to address the Air War College on 7 April.

Mr. Becker recommended that you name as a substitute   ONE, and has prepared the attached proposed reply.

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